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Nov. 1. (written to Bailey)
Göttingen, 15 Dec. 1854.

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for the
highly valuable collection of American
plants you were so kind to send by
your friend, Mr. Dean, and as you
could not have bestowed upon me
a greater favour than by this rich
contribution to my herbarium, I cannot
but acknowledge the friendly introduction
of your young friend: for he has won
already my esteem and my friendship, he
 attends my lecture on physiological botany
and I am happy to see him often in my
family. Mr. Wotho, in whose laboratory
he is working, joins with me in his affection,
and both we find it surprising, that in
such youth and with such a delicate
health he is gone so far in scientific
pursuits, and that having so shortly studied
the German language, he is able to attend

and between with success.

Every communication, you favour me with, is highly acceptable, and I acknowledge having some days ago received by Mr. Flügel - together with some other pamphlets - the first folio of the Characters of some new genera of plants from Polynesia. By the same way I shall return some publications of mine, especially some remarks on a collection of *Phoradendron* from Veltia. It is in this paper, that you will see some observations on the pretended affinity between *Kraussia* and the Leguminous plants, which you with strong arguments indeed have refuted. My proposition is this, that *Kraussia* cannot well be separated from *Mouina*, when the situation of organs towards axis is the same. Now we have cultivated here a species of *Mouina* under the curious name of *M. polygaloides*, when the situation of the flower is inverse, as in *Polygala*. I am sorry that I cannot communicate any

specimens, one single specimen having flowered last autumn. But I am aware by the arrangement in the Flora of the Northward Water, that you consider *Kraussia*, as it appears, as a joining link between Leguminous and Polygalous plants: am I right therein?

If European plants should be of any use to you, I might offer a set of plants from Spain, collected by Gouyeau, who of all collectors gives the best specimens.

I am this winter occupied with a herbarium from Guadeloupe and another from Penam, both collected by Dr. Duchassaing: do you know anything about this gentleman? He was in connection with Mr. Walpurg and from his heirs the plants came into my hands. They are generally well preserved and there are duplicates.

With my best wishes, Dear Sir,

Yours sincere friend

J. G. Schrank.

You know that Mr. Martins has given up his place at Munich, which is said to be his success.